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CAN we reach the 3000 mark?

If your address in the Almanac is to be changed, please inform us at once. This is the last notice that will be given. Last year's annual will be used as a basis, and strictly followed, except where changes have been ordered.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are coming in for 1896. Now let us unite our efforts and make the 3000 our mark. We can reach it, and that will not only make the paper a financial success, but it will enable us to give our patrons a greatly improved paper.

THE *Nashville Christian Advocate* with a great deal of truth says:—Once in a while a tired editor gets from an intelligent correspondent a long manuscript, written with a pencil in an inferior hand and on poor paper, and ending with this polite request: "Please to read the proof with great care, as I am too busy to copy." If ever there was a case that called aloud for the waste basket, this is one. It is sufficiently exasperating to be compelled to straighten out the bad work of an honest but ignorant contributor. To turn one's self into a mere bond slave for those who are too indolent to pay attention to their own work, passes the limit of all endurance. Whatever is worth writing at all is worth writing well.

A Christmas Present.—This is the time of the year when people give presents to their friends, which they are pleased to call "Christmas or New Years' Gifts." Now let us mention three things, each, or all of which makes a very desirable present for your friend. A subscription to the EVANGELIST, a fine Bible, and some other good book. We have all three of them at prices that will astonish you.

1. For \$3.50 cash we will send you the famous Holman's Teachers' Bible, Divinity Circuit, round corners gilt edge, minion type, the best in the market, retail price \$5.00, and the EVANGELIST to the end of 1896. For \$5.25 we will send you two of these five dollar Bibles and the EVANGELIST to the end of 1896. Here is \$5.00 plus \$5.00 plus \$1.50 or \$11.50 for \$5.25. Can you ask for more? If you want the Burgeoise type, add 50 cents for each Bible ordered.

2. For \$2.50 we will send you Our Bible, Our Church and our Country, and the EVANGELIST to the end of 1896. This is one of J.D. McFaden's popular books, of which thousands have been sold at \$2.50. Or send us \$4.00 cash and we will send you four of these books and the EVANGELIST to the end of 1896. This is an unparalleled offer and will be withdrawn Jan. 1, 1896. You will have no trouble to dispose of these books at \$1.50 each or even \$2.00. But suppose you were to get but \$1.00 for them; you would have the EVANGELIST free. All orders will be filled the day when they are received.

THE *New York Sun* has this to say of the business of book-making:—"The book crop of these years is stupendous, immeasurably greater than that of any other period in the world's history. We have attempted to gather the statistics of the book crop of this year in the four chief book-growing countries—Germany, France, England, and the United States. We are not yet able to give the exact figures of the gross product, but we have got to a point where it seems pretty safe to say that about one thousand new books

have been printed in these countries every week of the year. Talk of the corn, the watermelon, cotton, swine, apple, and bean crops; but don't forget the book crop. Think of the great industries, but be sure to put among them the book-making industry. It gives employment all the time to tens of thousands of authors, paper-makers, compositors, typefounders, pressmen, press builders, book-binders, pen-makers, and ink-makers, besides book publishers and book sellers. If all the time and the energy used up in the writing, making, and reading of books were applied to the cultivation of the soil, the earth would blossom like the rose, and every one would have leisure for serious thought.

AT WORK.

From Claypool I went to Tiosa, where I stopped with Brother Swonger. After resting we went to the church and found a number of brethren present. Brother Hopkins is pastor of this congregation. They have a good Sunday-school, a King's Children Society and an S. S. C. E. They have preaching every four weeks. From this place I went to LaPaz, where I found brother Jacob Brothenberger ready to give us a warm reception. I found Brother Miller engaged in a series of meetings. We had a union meeting on Saturday, but the attendance was small on account of the stormy weather. I think these union meetings are a great benefit to our people. On Saturday evening they had a love feast. There were three accessions. By the assistance of Brother Miller I secured a nice list of new subscribers to the EVANGELIST. I found here a very earnest K. C. Society. From La Paz I went to Warsaw and on that evening filled an appointment. The next evening they had their love feast. I worked here until Nov. 13. I found the Warsaw church under the pastorate of our young Brother Yoder, well organized and doing a grand work for our Heavenly Father.